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SUBJECT: HUSAK IN IRAQ

1. IN PAYING A STATE VISIT TO IRAQ MAY 30-JUNE 2 ON ONE OF HIS RARE JOURNEYS OUTSIDE WARSAW PACT CONFINES, CZECHOSLOVAK PRESIDENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL GUSTAV HUSAK APPEARS TO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE OTHER THAN EXCHANGE OF PROMISES WITH PRESIDENT BAKR OF IMPROVED COMMERCIAL TIES. HE WAS ABLE, HOWEVER, TO FURTHER CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S ROLE AS A SOVIET SURROGATE IN THE THIRD WORLD AND TO EMPHASIZE HIS COUNTRY'S "PROGRESSIVE," "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" AND PRO-PALESTINIAN CREDENTIALS WHILE ALSO MAKING A BOW TO IRAQ'S NONALIGNMENT.

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2. ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF CONSPICUOUS OVERKILL, MENTIONING "NATIONAL RIGHTS" OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE THREE TIMES, PALESTINIAN "RESISTANCE MOVEMENT" TWICE AND "NATIONAL LIBERATION" MOVEMENT ONCE AND PLEDGING "ALL-ROUND SUPPORT AND AID TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR RECOVERY OF ITS NATIONAL RIIGHTS".

3. PERHAPS OF GREATEST INTEREST IN THE COMMUNIQUE AND OTHER REPORTAGE WAS THE NON-MENTION OF IRAQI OIL. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH HAS UP UNTIL THIS YEAR DEPENDED ON THE USSR FOR ALMOST ALL OF ITS OIL SUPPLIES, HAS IN THE LAST MONTH ANNOUNCED THAT IT WIL BUY UNSPECIFIED QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL AND PRODUCTS FROM LIBYA AND IRAN. FOR ECONOMIC (TRADE BALANCE WITH IRAQ IS ABOUT 5-1 IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S FAVOR) AS WELL AS POLITICAL REASONS, IRAQ WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE SUPPLIER OF SUBSTANTIAL PART OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NON-SOVIET OIL IMPORTS, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION OIL SALES WERE EVEN DISCUSSED.

4. FROM PURELY CZECHOSLOVAK POINT OF VIEW, BAGHDAD VISIT WAS OF INTEREST IN MARKING ONE OF FEW PUBLIC APPEARANCES OF MRS VERA HUSAK, WHOSE PICTURE AND NAME DO NOT ORDINARILY APPEAR IN MEDIA HERE.
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